

## BRITONS PLAN FOOD CONTROL DURING WAR TIME STRESS

Walter Runciman, President of Board of Trade suggests Appointment of Commissioner to Guard Against Wasting Supply

INSISTS NATION MUST CUT OUT COSTLY CONFECTIONS

Issuance of Potato Tickets May Follow Refusal of the Country To Economize in One of the Vital Food Stocks of the Land

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, November 16.—A new plan by which the British government hopes to be able to cope with the food problem occasioned by the war was outlined yesterday by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, in a speech delivered before the House of Commons.

Runciman's speech was made in the course of a general debate on the question of government control of certain food products. This question has been before Parliament for several weeks.

The president of the board of trade indicated in the course of his remarks that in his opinion the end of the war is not in sight. He said that the prospects were that the conflict would last for a long time.

May Control Food Issues  
The debate developed the fact that the appointment of a food commissioner who shall have control of the essential food products is imminent.

The assertion was made by some members of the house of commons that the food situation has become acute on account of the high prices charged by some dealers.

The government already has a commission that controls the wheat supply, and the possibility was suggested of the authority of this commission being extended over other products.

In continuing this statement Mr. Runciman said that the shipping losses suffered by Great Britain during the war have amounted to more than 2,250,000 tons. If the ship yards of the nation are worked to capacity they are capable of producing two million tons of shipping yearly even under present conditions, and that in the next six months they should build half a million tons.

Out Out Confectionery  
Turning back to the question of food stuffs the president of the board of trade declared that it is essential that Great Britain cut out costly confections, and the luxurious use of sugar, as well as the excessive consumption of potatoes.

To Cut Out Profits  
It was announced in London on October 10 that a royal commission had been appointed authorized to inquire into the supply of wheat and flour in the United Kingdom; to purchase, sell, and control the delivery of wheat and flour on behalf of His Majesty's Government; and generally to take such steps as may seem desirable for maintaining the supply.

Mr. Runciman announced in the house of commons on October 10, that it would no longer be safe to leave the British wheat supplies for next year in private hands.

He has bought the Australian supply and got the ships to transport it. These ships will be paid only fixed rates.

No profiteering by middlemen—millers, bakers, and the like—will be allowed.

Probable effects of this step will be a guaranteed price for home-grown wheat and no "rigging" of the price of the loaf.

Fair Prices For Bread.  
"Mr. Runciman's statement means," says the London Daily Mail, "that the government has determined to take over complete control of the wheat and flour trade in Great Britain. The new royal commission has already taken Trafalgar House, Waterloo-place, as their headquarters and will begin work at once."

Indeed, 1,500 notices have already been sent to corn traders, corn and flour traders' associations, millers, etc., telling them what to do in respect of stocks on hand and contracts for forward delivery and instructing them how to apply for positions as government agents, which will virtually what they must become under the new scheme or cease business.

## Joint Commission Nears Solution of Border Problem

Plans For Withdrawing American Troops Under Command of General Pershing May Be Completed By Day After Tomorrow

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., November 16.—The American-Mexican joint commission which is endeavoring to find a solution of the problem of the relations between the United States and her neighbor to the south expects to finish Saturday its plan for the withdrawal of General Pershing's troops from Mexico and for a safe border patrol, according to a statement made last night by Ignacio Bonillas, Mexican representative and chairman of the joint commission.

The joint commission has been sitting for many weeks. The rock upon which they have hitherto split has been the continued presence of American troops in Mexican soil. Several times the Mexican commissioners have refused to go further with negotiations relating to Mexico's internal affairs until a plan should be arrived at for the speedy withdrawal of the United States soldiers.

The American commissioners have contended, according to reports, that the troops could not be safely withdrawn until after Mexico's internal difficulties should be sufficiently settled to give ground for believing that the border would be safe and that a stable and responsible government existed in Mexico.

## TEUTON STATESMAN SEES PEACE NEAR

Count Apponyi of Hungary Believes Negotiations May Begin This Winter

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, November 15.—Count Albert Apponyi, former premier of Hungary and a noted statesman of the Dual Monarchy, predicts that peace terms may be discussed this coming winter between the Allies and the Central Powers.

In an interview given to the Associated Press, Count Apponyi, who is the Hungarian leader and is visiting Germany, says that the opening of peace negotiations may perhaps be expected in the course of the winter, with the decision of the Rumanian campaign.

Count Apponyi sees a defeat in store for the Rumanians and thinks that they will then be ready to talk of a separate peace and that the Allies will correspondingly be ready to discuss terms. He believes the campaign which Austria-Hungary is carrying on against the Rumanians is favorable to the Teuton powers.

Count Apponyi's interview emphasizes the assertion that the recent speeches of statesmen in opposing camps give hope that their views can be reconciled. He pointed out that Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany, in recent speeches have shown that their respective standpoints are not so divergent as formerly.

Meanwhile military leaders declare that the Rumanian campaign is progressing very favorably, the invasion being pressed on two sides. Engagements are being fought in the Carpathian mountains, the road to Wallachia favor the Germans, 1800 prisoners having been taken in the last few days of fighting. Rumanian attacks south of Lemberg, on another front, and also at Katanyuk River have been repulsed with heavy losses, the Russians suffering much.

On the west front today the British made a strong attack north of the Ancre section. They captured the village of Beaumont but elsewhere failed with heavy losses.

## Big Stock Melon Cut By Western Sugar Company

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
DENVER, Colorado, November 16.—The Great Western Sugar Company yesterday declared a stock dividend of forty-two per cent on its common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-fourths per cent on both its common and preferred stock.

## DEMOCRATS SEEK RECOUNT OF WEST VIRGINIA VOTERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
CHARLESTON, West Virginia, November 16.—Attorneys representing the Democratic national committee filed a petition yesterday in Morgan County for a recount of the votes cast for President and United States senator in the election November 7. No charges of fraud are made in the petition, but the Democrats declare that errors were made in counting the votes which helped Charles Evans Hughes, Republican candidate for President, and Howard Sutherland, candidate on the Republican ticket for United States senator.

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## AMERICANS SAFE IS WORD BROUGHT BY PARRAL FUGITIVE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
EL PASO, Texas, November 16.—The Americans who were in Parral, Mexico, when that town was captured by the Villistas recently, and for whose safety grave fears have been felt, are all safe, according to a refugee from Parral who arrived here yesterday.

It was reported at the time that Parral fell to the Villa forces that there were in the city nine Americans, most of whom were mining men.

The refugee who reached here yesterday reported that the Americans were preparing to leave Parral and go to the west coast, where, it is believed, they will be safe.

General Herrera, the Carranza commander, it is reported, evacuated Parral November 4, when the city was threatened by the Villistas forces. The next day, the Villa commander entered the city with his men and took possession.

## FAMOUS NOVELIST AND PLAYWRIGHT IS DEAD

Molly Elliott Seawell Dies in New York

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, November 16.—Molly Elliott Seawell, famous as a writer and playwright, died here last night at the age of fifty-six.

Miss Seawell, who was born in Gloucester County, Virginia, was the daughter of John Tyler, nephew of President Tyler. She began writing stories and sketches in 1886, after her removal to Washington following the death of her father, and rapidly became known as a writer of repute.

Her first novel was published in 1890, and the same year she took a prize of \$500 offered by the Youth Companion for the best story for boys.

In 1895 Miss Seawell's "Sprightly Romance of Marzac," took a prize of \$3000 offered by the New York Herald. In 1908 she captured a prize of \$1000, offered by the same paper, for a short story, "John Mainwaring Financier."

The "Sprightly Romance of Marzac" was a play, and she also wrote another drama, "Maid Marian."

Among the better known writings of Miss Seawell, aside from those mentioned, were "Little Jarvis," "Midshipman Paulding," "A Virginia Cavalier," "Ferdinand," "The House of Egremont," "The Jugglers,"

## FRENCH REPULSE TEUTON ATTACKS

German's Use Liquid Fire To Gain Ground But Are Reported Driven Back

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
PARIS, November 16.—After three days of a concentrated artillery fire on the French front between Albaincourt and Chaulnes, the Germans yesterday made a series of desperately fought counter-attacks on Chaulnes wood and elsewhere, using liquid fire in an endeavor to carry the trenches. They were everywhere repulsed except east of Pressoire, where they reached a small group of trenches.

The Rumanians yesterday occupied the town of Bouda, according to Bucharest reports.

Hostile airmen, flying over Bucharest Tuesday night and early yesterday morning, dropped bombs at the palace. The queen and princesses were absent.

The Rumanians are pursuing the Germans from the border of western Moldavia to the Siret and Jiu valleys. They have been forced back to their second line of trenches. They yielded ground also in Alt Valley.

In the Turguiul, Alt and Jiu valleys the Rumanians have been forced to retire, according to despatches from Petrograd, the German and Austrian troops having been reinforced to superior forces.

North of the Ancre River yesterday the British have been busy consolidating new terrain they have won. They have taken a considerable number of prisoners.

## BRITISH PRINCE WEDS GRAND DUKE'S DAUGHTER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, November 15.—Prince George of Battenberg was married today to Countess Nadejda de Torby, daughter of Grand Duke Michael of Russia. King George, the Queen and Queen Mother witnessed the ceremony.

Prince George of Battenberg was a visitor in Honolulu several years ago, coming here on the cruiser New Zealand.

## ADAMSON BILLS TARGET OF MANY SUITS BY ROADS

So-called "Eight-Hour Law" Will Have To Undergo Fierce Test in Courts

TWO POINTS MUST BE SETTLED BY U. S. JUDGES

Case Will Be Tried in Everyone of the Federal Districts

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, November 16.—The suits filed by several of the railroads of the country, and others that are to be filed, against the United States government to test the constitutionality of the Adamson Act, the so-called "eight-hour law," are expected to result also in an interpretation of the statute if it is upheld by the courts.

The debate that resulted brought up the report of several years ago of the federal engineers in regard to a breakwater at Nawiliwili. Commissioner McCarthy was of the opinion that the board should recommend to the legislature that that body take some action upon the claims of the port.

It was finally agreed, however, that no harm could result from the board itself petitioning congress to begin the harbor work at Nawiliwili.

Chairman Forbes in his report said, regarding the Waimea wharf, that on the occasion of his visit there, November 8, he was informed that the work would be completed within a week. The track had been laid and the piles cut.

Regarding the Nawiliwili wharf, he said, he had instructed the contractor to proceed with the work. He also recommended the installation of a new five-ton derrick.

The Harbor wharf, the chairman reported, is in need of some immediate repairs. The new shed is well built and is being well patronized.

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The interstate commerce commission held that the railroad was a common carrier and the railroad took the opposite view, and in support of its contention, discontinued the delivery of freight from the Kealia wharf to the Kapapa stores.

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The board granted a request of the Lord Young Engineering Company for a thirty-day extension of time, with out penalty, in which to complete the work on the Nawiliwili wharf. Discussion developed the fact that the contractor was not to blame for non-completion of the work within the time limit.

## SPY BEGINS SOON

Preliminary Hearing of Karl Graves Set For December 6

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, November 16.—The preliminary hearing of Karl Armand Graves, the New York magazine writer and self-styled "international spy," arrested last Saturday by operatives of the federal secret service on complaint of officials of the German embassy, on the charge of having attempted to blackmail the Countess Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador, was set yesterday for December 6.

The German embassy in the complaint on which Graves was arrested declared that he offered to sell to embassy officials, purported letters from Countess Bernstorff, and also other documents having the appearance of being official German cipher messages.

## HUGHES PLANS REST IN HILLS OF JERSEY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, November 16.—Charles Evans Hughes, who was the Republican candidate for President in the recent election and who, it is almost conceded, was defeated by his opponent, President Wilson, will leave next Saturday for Lakewood, N. J., for a vacation lasting several weeks.

Mr. Hughes has for some time been planning to take this vacation, and has only been waiting until the count of ballots in the election of November 7 made it reasonably sure that he had been elected President of the United States.

The Republican candidate has not yet conceded the victory of his opponent, and it was announced last night that during his stay in Lakewood he will keep in close touch with Chairman Wilcox of the Republican campaign committee.

In case of any sudden developments in the official count of the ballots, he will be instantly available.

BAKER SEEKS GASOLINE WITH AN OPEN LANTERN  
One of the employees of Love's Bakery on Nuuanu Street last night went looking for some gasoline with a lighted lantern. He found the gasoline and the fire department arrived after the alarm in time to prevent more than \$100 damage being done to the building. No one was hurt. That's the result of failing to bury the gasoline tank in the ground recently while trying to rescue his wife and children.

## URGES PROTECTION FOR NAWILIWILI

Forbes Asks Harbor Board To Petition Congress In Behalf of Harbor

A resolution urging congress to take immediate action to extend and protect the harbor of Nawiliwili will be presented to the board of harbor commissioners and adopted at its next regular meeting, in accordance with a motion put and carried by the board yesterday.

The action came up in connection with the report of Charles B. Forbes, chairman of the commission, on his recent visit of inspection to Kaula. Forbes inspected the various wharves on the island, and said, regarding the Nawiliwili wharf:

"I would recommend that the board go on record as recommending to congress the imperative need of better protection at Nawiliwili."

"With the proposed road to Nawiliwili there is every reason to believe that this will become an important part of commerce."

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## NAWILIWILI HAS DISASTROUS FIRE

Whole Block In Kauai Town Wiped Out Last Thursday

About three o'clock in the morning of Thursday last fire broke out in one of the apartments of the almost continuous block between Hamana's store and the Nawiliwili stream, in Nawiliwili, and in a short time all of the buildings in that section were reduced to ashes, says last Tuesday's Garden Island of Kauai.

The principal buildings destroyed were: The ice cream parlor and general store of Nakama; the general store of Sung Fook Lung; the premises of H. Matsumoto, chauffeur for the Nawiliwili garage; the tailoring establishment of M. Nakao, and the Aloha Hotel, of which Higuchi is the proprietor.

When the alarm of fire was given all the residents of the locality turned out. The buildings were old and dry, however, and, worst of all, the water mains failed; and what little water was available was used to prevent the spread of the flames across the street and to the building next to the Hamana store. Men with brooms and a bucket brigade saved the Hamana store and checked the fire at that point.

There was great excitement when the Aloha Hotel went down for the fire was then at its hottest and it seemed certain that the buildings across the road would also be ignited. The bucket brigade proved, however, effective to the ocean.

Sung Fook Lung store, in the basement of which the fire started, carried insurance on the stock of merchandise. A. B. Gurrey, territorial insurance adjuster, who now lives at Makawili, has spent much of the time since the fire in Lihue and Nawiliwili, investigating the cause and for the purpose of adjusting the claim of the storekeeper.

HUGHES STILL LEADS IN BALLOTING IN MINNESOTA  
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
ST. PAUL, November 16.—Charles Evans Hughes continues to lead Woodrow Wilson in the official count of the ballots cast at the election November 7. With the vote of forty-six counties out of a total of eighty-six already tabulated, Hughes is ahead by 385 votes.

## MURPHY IS SUGGESTING BOND ISSUE PLAN

Manager of Water Department Wants Special Election Held On Matter He Calls Vital

"It is my opinion that the bond issue should be put up again to the people of Honolulu."

This is the stand taken by Harry E. Murray, manager of the water department, who believes that the bond issue was defeated at the recent election because the voters did not understand the purpose of the bonds.

While sixty per cent of the votes cast were not in favor of the bonds, it is pointed out by Murray that if the election had been simply for the bonds the result would have been different. A great many persons who voted did not vote for the bonds at all and those counted against the result.

It is Murray's intention to collect a mass of data which he will present at an early meeting of the supervisors with a request that they call for another election on the bond issue. This election, he declares, should not be held in conjunction with the spring election, but should be a separate affair so that the voters can register their opinion on the matter without confusion.

Murray is also of the opinion that practically all of the \$400,000 should be devoted to water and sewer improvements. These are matters, he said yesterday, that are fundamental and should receive immediate attention.

He would put in a sewer system in Kewalo district, Punahoa, Kalihi, Iwilei and Waikiki. These improvements will cost approximately \$275,000. The filtration plant, another necessary improvement, will cost \$150,000. This will leave \$85,000 to be used for extensions of the water system.

One of the arguments that Murray advances is that it will cost sixty per cent more to put in the sewer pipes after the grading of streets has been done. He believes that this work should be finished in advance of all other contract work, and with the installation of the filtered pipe, the sewer system will be made permanent.

It is the intention of Murray not only to present data to the board of supervisors but to circulate a petition in the various districts to learn the wishes of the people themselves.

## GREAT NORTHERN FILLS UP WHARF

One Stevedore Hurt In Slight Elevator Accident—Loading Already Commenced

A steady stream of trucks working against the stevedores discharging the Great Northern yesterday were unable to hold down the flood of freight that poured on Pier 6. At times as many as twelve double team trucks waited in line outside the shed and as many loaded inside, yet the gangs quit work with the wharf piled close to capacity.

Any let up in the hauling activity would have made it necessary to quit discharging, a demonstration of the fact that Pier 6 is hardly big enough to receive a real cargo if the resources of the waterfront are strained at other points.

One stevedore was slightly injured yesterday morning on board the Great Northern. He was a Hawaiian, and had been standing on the top of one of the elevators which suddenly dropped a short distance, hardly over five feet. The man's chin caught on a projection and his entire upper front row of teeth was knocked out. He suffered no other serious injury.

The Great Northern is loading and discharging at the same time. While her coast cargo is coming out on the wharf, the stevedores are throwing pine into her from across the slip. Sixty-one thousand cases have already been booked for her and it is necessary to start loading at once to clear the space.

It is very probable that the big ship will go "full up."

## AUTO RUNS DOWN AND KILLS A LAD

Shang Soo Soon, a thirteen-year-old Korean boy residing at 1343 Liliha Street, died at six-thirty last night at the Emergency Hospital, shortly after he had been run over by automobile No. 901. The car was driven by Peter Lazarak, say the police.

According to the story told by Lazarak, the boy ran out of Webb Lane into King Street, Palama, and before the chauffeur could stop the machine knocked the boy down and ran over his stomach. It was the boy's fault, according to the driver of the auto.

Following the accident, Shang was picked up and hurried to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. R. C. Ayer worked over him, but nothing availed the wounded youngster, who died shortly afterward.

Deputy Sheriff Asch and Sergeant Punohu began an investigation of the accident yesterday, but no decision has been reached whether or not to hold Lazarak for the boy's death.

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## MONSTER OF COMBINES IS ORGANIZED IN GOTHAM CITY

National Industrial Conference Board No Trust "But Clearing House of Information," Declares Manager in Statement

EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS AFFECTED BY COMBINATION

Seven Million Employees and More Than Fifteen Thousand Employers United in Effort For Mutual Assistance in Problems

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, November 16.—Seven million employees, fifteen thousand employers and more than eight billions of dollars are linked in the greatest combination for mutual support and advancement that this or any other country has ever seen, according to the formal announcement issued last night.

The combination which is to be known as the National Industrial Conference Board has been formed of twelve great industrial associations, including the metals trades, the founders council, the manufacturers of munitions, the National Erectors' Association, cotton manufacturers, wool weavers, silk manufacturers, makers of type setting machines, the American Typothetae, the Frank paper company and a number of great rubber companies.

Frederick P. Fish of Boston is the chairman of the vast combination, which covers some of the most important trades and industries in the whole country.

Magnus W. Alexander, until the managerial post on board, in a formal statement in behalf of the organization, declared that the combination is in no sense of the trust, but a gathering of industries and interests with similar needs or objects and problems.

"In reality," said Mr. Alexander, "the board will be a great clearing house of information concerning its members. Heretofore each manufacturer has been satisfied to study his own problem. He has ignored the problems of the industries with which his own is more or less closely interrelated."

"The board has been formed in recognition of the vital need in this country of cooperation and united action."

Frank Vanderlip, the banker, in a statement regarding the combination said:

"The board has been formed in response to enlightened public sentiment in this country."

## HUGHES GAINS IN CALIFORNIA TALLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., November 16.—Charles Evans Hughes gained twenty more votes yesterday in the official count of the ballots cast in the Presidential election November 7.

Hughes is slowly creeping up on Wilson in the official count. His gain Tuesday was 190 votes over what had been given him in the unofficial count.

Reports from throughout the State, however, give California to Wilson beyond any reasonable doubt. Republican leaders admit that unless the official count shows a very large discrepancy in the unofficial figures, there is no chance for the Republican candidate for President.

## PRESIDENT MAY REFUSE FLOOD OF INVITATIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, November 15.—It is unlikely that the President will accept the many invitations to visit the West before the short session of congress begins, owing to the limited time at his disposal.